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1. A computer-implemented method for providing
access to an account of a second party, comprising:
inputting identification information for the account
of the second party;
receiving account information for the account of the
second party based on the identification information; and
accessing the account of the second party based on
the account information.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein the account
information defines a right of a first party to access
computer programs associated with the account.

3. The method of claim 1, further comprising
storing the account information in a text file;
wherein a first party accesses the account by:
requesting access to the account;
receiving an interrogation into the text file from
software that controls access to the account; and
receiving access to the account if the software
determines, based on the interrogation, that the first party
is entitled to access the account.

4. The method of claim 3, wherein:
a first party inputs the identification information
on a Web page accessed by a Web browser; and
the text file comprises an Internet cookie.

5. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
inputting information identifying a first party;
receiving access information that corresponds to the
information identifying the first party, the access

5 information defining a right of the first party to access a
6 program which includes the account of the second party; and
7 accessing the program based on the access
8 information;
9 wherein inputting, receiving the account
10 information, and accessing are performed from the program.

1 6. The method of claim 5, wherein access to the
2 program by the first party is governed by the access
3 information.

1 7. The method of claim 1, further comprising
2 displaying information from the account.

1 8. The method of claim 1, further comprising
2 changing a parameter of the account.

1 9. A method of providing a first party with access
2 to an account of a second party, comprising:
3 receiving identification information for the account
4 of the second party;
5 verifying that the first party is entitled to access
6 the account of the second party based on the identification
7 information; and
8 providing account information to the first party for
9 use in accessing the account of the second party.

1 10. The method of claim 9, further comprising:
2 receiving a request from the first party to access
3 the account of the second party;
4 obtaining the account information from the first
5 party; and

6 determining whether the first party is entitled to
7 access the account based on the account information.

1 11. The method of claim 9, further comprising:
2 receiving information identifying the first party;
3 verifying that the first party is entitled to access
4 a program that includes the account of the second party
5 based on the identification information; and
6 providing, to the first party, access information
7 for use in accessing the program.

1 12. The method of claim 11, further comprising:
2 receiving a request from the first party to access
3 the program that includes the account of the second party;
4 obtaining the access information from the first
5 party; and
6 determining whether the first party is entitled to
7 access the program based on the access information.

1 13. A computer program stored on a computer-
2 readable medium for providing access to an account of a
3 second party, the computer program comprising instructions
4 that cause a computer to:
5 input identification information for the account of
6 the second party;
7 receive account information for the account of the
8 second party based on the identification information; and
9 access the account of the second party based on the
10 account information.

1 14. The computer program of claim 13, wherein the
2 account information defines a right of a first party to
3 access computer programs associated with the account.

15. The computer program of claim 13, further comprising instructions that cause the computer to:
store the account information in a text file;
request access to the account;
receive an interrogation into the text file from software that controls access to the account; and
receive access to the account if the software determines, based on the interrogation, that a first party requesting access is entitled to access the account.

16. The computer program of claim 15, wherein:
a first party inputs the identification information on a Web page accessed by a Web browser; and
the text file comprises an Internet cookie.

17. The computer program of claim 13, further comprising instructions that cause the computer to:
input information identifying a first party;
receive access information that corresponds to the information identifying the first party, the access information defining a right of the first party to access a second program which includes the account of the second party; and
access the second program based on the access information;
wherein inputting, receiving the account information, and accessing are executed from the second program.

18. The computer program of claim 17, wherein access to the second program by the first party is governed by the access information.

1 19. The computer program of claim 13, further
2 comprising instructions to cause the computer to display
3 information from the account.

1 20. The computer program of claim 13, further
2 comprising instructions to cause the computer to change a
3 parameter of the account.

1 21. A computer program stored on a computer-
2 readable medium for providing a first party with access to
3 an account of a second party, the computer program
4 comprising instructions that cause a computer to:

5 receive identification information for the account
6 of the second party;

7 verify that the first party is entitled to access
8 the account of the second party based on the identification
9 information; and

10 provide account information to the first party for
11 use in accessing the account of the second party.

1 22. The computer program of claim 21, further
2 comprising instructions that cause the computer to:

3 receive a request from the first party to access the
4 account of the second party;

5 obtain the account information from the first party;
6 and

7 determine whether the first party is entitled to
8 access the account based on the account information.

1 23. The computer program of claim 21, further
2 comprising instructions that cause the computer to:

3 receive information identifying the first party;

4 verify that the first party is entitled to access a
5 second program that includes the account of the second party
6 based on the identification information; and
7 provide, to the first party, access information for
8 use in accessing the second program.

1 24. The computer program of claim 23, further
2 comprising instructions that cause the computer to:
3 receive a request from the first party to access the
4 second program that includes the account of the second
5 party;
6 obtain the access information from the first party;
7 and
8 determine whether the first party is entitled to
9 access the second program based on the access information.

10 25. An apparatus for providing access to an account
11 of a second party, comprising:
12 a memory which stores computer instructions; and
13 a processor which executes the instructions to (i)
14 input identification information for the account of the
15 second party, (ii) receive account information for the
16 account of the second party based on the identification
17 information, and (iii) access the account of the second
18 party based on the account information.

1 26. The apparatus of claim 25, wherein the account
2 information defines a right of a first party to access
3 computer programs associated with the account.

4 27. The apparatus of claim 25, wherein the
5 processor executes instructions to (i) store the account
6 information in a text file, (ii) request access to the

4 account, (iii) receive an interrogation into the text file
5 from software that controls access to the account, and (iv)
6 receive access to the account if the software determines,
7 based on the interrogation, that a first party requesting
8 access is entitled to access the account.

1 28. The apparatus of claim 27, wherein:
2 a first party inputs the identification information
3 on a Web page accessed by a Web browser; and
4 the text file comprises an Internet cookie.

1 29. The apparatus of claim 25, wherein:
2 the processor executes instructions to (i) input
3 information identifying a first party, (ii) receive access
4 information that corresponds to the information identifying
5 the first party, the access information defining a right of
6 the first party to access a program which includes the
7 account of the second party, and (iii) access the program
8 based on the access information; and
9 inputting, receiving the account information, and
10 accessing are performed from the program.

1 30. The apparatus of claim 29, wherein access to
2 the program by the first party is governed by the access
3 information.

1 31. The apparatus of claim 25, wherein the
2 processor executes instructions to display information from
3 the account.

1 32. The apparatus of claim 25, further comprising
2 changing a parameter of the account.

1 33. An apparatus for providing a first party with
2 access to an account of a second party, comprising:
3 a memory which stores computer instructions, and
4 a processor which executes the instructions to (i)
5 receive identification information for the account of the
6 second party, (ii) verify that the first party is entitled
7 to access the account of the second party based on the
8 identification information, and (iii) provide account
9 information to the first party for use in accessing the
10 account of the second party.

1 34. The apparatus of claim 33, wherein the
2 processor executes instructions to (i) receive a request
3 from the first party to access the account of the second
4 party, (ii) obtain the account information from the first
5 party, and (iii) determine whether the first party is
6 entitled to access the account based on the account
7 information.

1 35. The apparatus of claim 33, wherein the
2 processor executes instructions to (i) receive information
3 identifying the first party, (ii) verify that the first
4 party is entitled to access a program that includes the
5 account of the second party based on the identification
6 information, and (iii) provide, to the first party, access
7 information for use in accessing the program.

1 36. The apparatus of claim 35, wherein the
2 processor executes instructions to (i) receive a request
3 from the first party to access the program that includes the
4 account of the second party, (ii) obtain the access
5 information from the first party, and (iii) determine

